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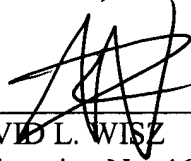
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the detailed remarks. Claims 1 and 3-27 are pending. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 25 as amended is in proper condition according to §112.

Claims 1, 12 and 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by 2004/0237684 *a1* to *Bossler*. 2004/0237684 *a1* to *Bossler*, claims the date of provisional application No. 60/473,858 which is May 28, 2003. Applicant submits herewith a declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.131 evidencing that the claimed invention was conceived prior to May 28, 2003, which is the effective 102(e) date for *Bossler*. Accordingly, the *Bossler* reference does not qualify as prior art.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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